

| INDIVIDUAL | | PROPERTY/DISTRICT | |
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| MARYLAND | | HISTORICAL | TRUST |
| INTERNAL | NR-ELIGIBILITY | REVIEW | FORM |

Property/District Name: Fishing Battery Light Survey Number: HA-1845

Project: Determination of Eligibility USCG Agency: U.S. Coast Guard

Site visit by MHT Staff: X no yes Name Date

Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: X A ___B X C ___D Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G X None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

This lighthouse is one of three remaining battery lights of this design in the Chesapeake Bay where the light is located on top of the light keeper's house. One of these has deteriorated to the point of becoming a ruin. Our reference material indicates that Fishing Battery Light was demolished. The fact that it still exists means that there are 25 remaining lighthouses in the Bay rather than the 24 previously studied. Our reference also dates this lighthouse to 1853 which appears to be likely based on its architectural design. This would indicate that it is one of the earlier lights in the Bay. Fishing Battery Light is eligible for the National Register under Criteria A and C because it is part of a thematic group of the few remaining historic lighthouses in the Chesapeake Bay and for its unique architectural design in Maryland.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: project files

Prepared by: U.S. Coast Guard

J. Ellen Greene 5/11/92
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence yes ☒ no ☐ not applicable ☐

Reviewer, NR program 12 May 92
Date

Survey No. HA-1845

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

☐ Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
☐ Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles,
Prince George's and St. Mary's)
☒ Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll,
Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
☐ Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

☐ Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
☐ Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
☐ Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
☐ Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
☐ Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
☐ Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
☐ Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
☐ Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
☐ Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
☒ Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
☐ Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
☐ Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
☐ Unknown Period (☐ prehistoric ☐ historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

☐ Subsistence
☐ Settlement
☐ Political
☐ Demographic
☐ Religion
☐ Technology
☐ Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

☐ Agriculture
☐ Architecture, Landscape Architecture,
and Community Planning
☐ Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
☐ Government/Law
☐ Military
☐ Religion
☐ Social/Educational/Cultural
☒ Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Transportation/Navigational Aid/Lighthouse

Known Design Source: _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Fishing Battery or Battery Island Lighthouse

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Estimated 5,500 yards south
of Concord Light,
Havre de Grace

n/a NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Havre de Grace

☒ VICINITY OF
CODE

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

CODE

025

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC
☐ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED
☒ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES RESTRICTED
☐ YES UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☒ OTHER vacant

4 AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS (If applicable) Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service

STREET & NUMBER

1 Gateway Center, Suite 700

CITY, TOWN

Newton Corner

n/a VICINITY OF

STATE

Massachusetts 02158

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Harford County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air,

STATE

Maryland 21014

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Not known

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

6/6/74

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT

☐ GOOD

☐ FAIR

☒ DETERIORATED

☐ RUINS

☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED

☐ ALTERED

☒ Unknown

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE

☐ MOVED DATE n/a

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This old three story lighthouse is comprised of living quarters, boat storage and general storage. Basic construction is brick exterior and wood interior.

SIGNIFICANCE

40 1345

| PERIOD | | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY: navigation) | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | | |

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| SPECIFIC DATES | Unknown | BUILDER/ARCHITECT | Unknown |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Principal importance of this facility is as an historical landmark dating back to the era of the Civil War. "Fishing Battery Light" has been a well known mark to sailors of the upper Chesapeake Bay since that time. This was also the site of an early shad fish hatchery during the early 1900s.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGR. PHYSICAL REFERENCES

NA-1045

Files maintained at Blackwater N W R

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY building located on approximately 3 acre island

UTM REFERENCES

| | | | | | | | |
|---|------|------------------|---------------------|---|------|---------|----------|
| A | 1, 8 | 4, 0, 4, 8, 1, 5 | 4, 3, 7, 2, 0, 5, 8 | B | | | |
| | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING | | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING |
| C | | | | D | | | |

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This lighthouse is located on a very small island in the Chesapeake Bay approximately 4 miles southeast of Havre de Grace, Maryland which is located at the confluence of the Susquehanna River with the Chesapeake Bay.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

| | | | |
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| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John D. Schroer, Refuge Manager

7/16/81

ORGANIZATION

Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Rt. 1, Box 121

TELEPHONE

301-228-2692

CITY OR TOWN

Cambridge

STATE

Maryland 21613

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES X

NO

NONE

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is ____ National ____ State ____ Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

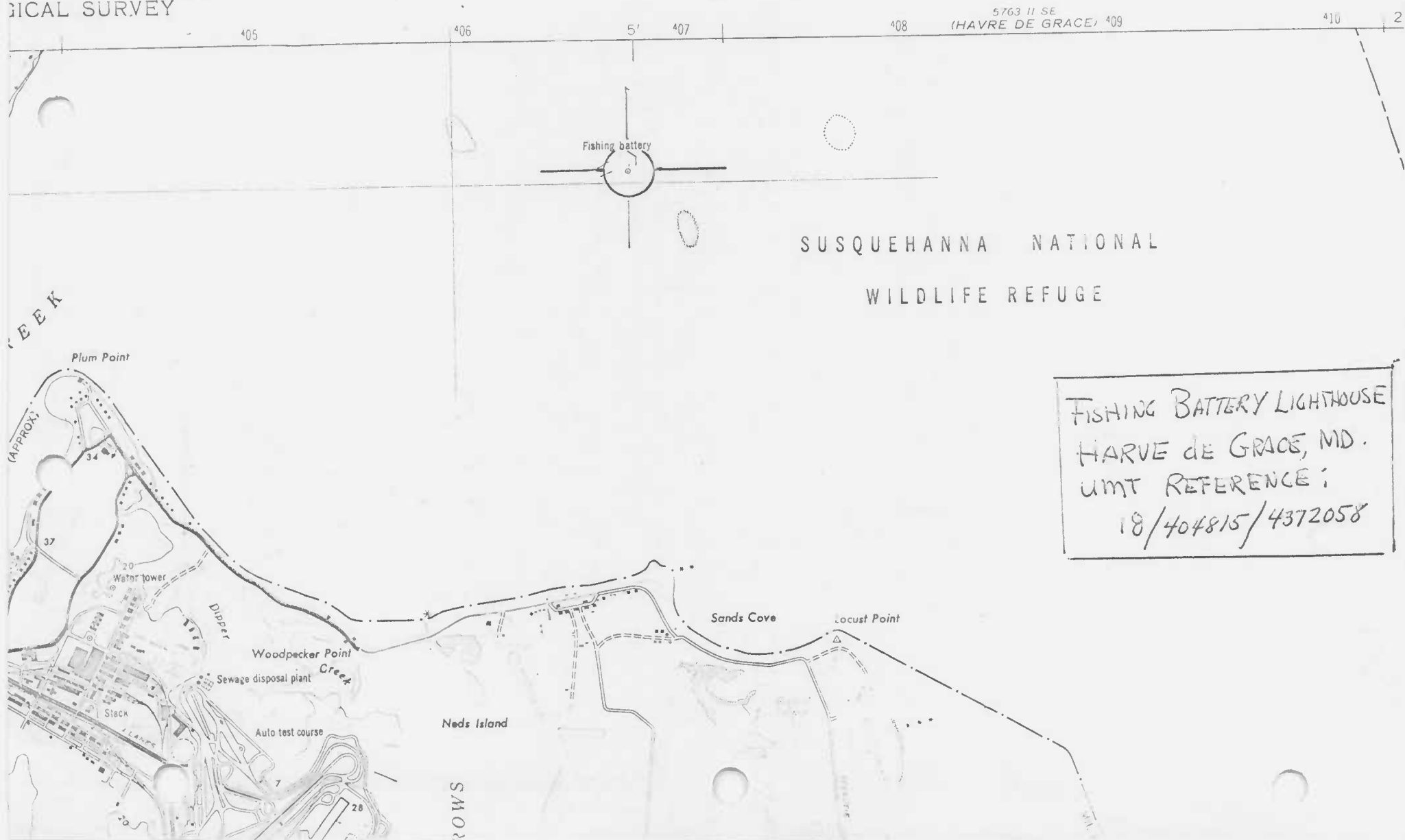
ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

HA-1845

ED STATES
OF THE INTERIOR
ICAL SURVEY



FISHING BATTERY LIGHTHOUSE
HARVE DE GRACE, MD.
UNIT REFERENCE:
18/404815/4372058

